

In the Claims:

Before Examination on the merits, please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Presently amended) An Electric switch module comprising:

with one or several at least one electric switch disposed on a carrier, said carrier
having a top side;

(7), of which at least one electric switch is conceptualized as a push-pull rocker switch
(2, 3) with an actuation member (4) formed by an actuation projection (5)
asymmetrically with respect to its an axis of said actuation member (6);

characterized in that wherein the top side of the carrier (7) with the at least one
actuation member (4) of its the at least one switch s (2, 3) is covered by a
flexible outer skin (10), through which encloses the actuation projection (5) of
the actuation member (4) of the at least one rocker switch (2, 3) is enclosed.

2. (Presently amended) The electric Sswitch module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in
that wherein an the underside of the outer skin (10) rests intimately on the top side of the carrier-
(7).

3. (Presently amended) The electric Sswitch module as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that wherein the a margin of the outer skin is connected with the carrier through
an adhesion foam.

4. (Presently amended) The electric Sswitch module as claimed in one of claims 1 to or 3,
characterized in that wherein the outer skin further comprises downwardly projecting positioning
nobs and/or positioning beads, which engage grooves of the carrier and/or gaps provided between
the carrier and the switches disposed therein.

5. (Presently amended) The electric Sswitch module as claimed in one of claims 1 to or
[4]2, characterized in that wherein associated with the at least one rocker switch (2, 3) is
associated an actuation protection (9) located beneath the outer skin (10), which functions to
prevents an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member (4) to move it into ~~its~~ a pull
position.

6. (Presently amended) The electric Sswitch module as claimed in one of claims 1 to or 5 2,
characterized in that wherein the outer skin has a connection flange for connecting the outer skin
with ~~the~~ a skin of an adjacent trim paneling, for example the outer skin of an arm rest of a motor
vehicle.

7. (Presently amended) The electric Sswitch module as claimed in one of claims 1 to or 6 2,
characterized in that wherein the outer skin (10) is comprised of a material selected from a group
consisting of polyurethane or and silicone.

8. (Presently amended) Switch module as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the
outside surface of the outer skin (10) is embossed to create a surface pattern.

9. (New) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein the outer skin further
comprises downwardly projecting positioning nobs which engage grooves of the carrier and/or
gaps provided between the carrier and the switches disposed therein.

10. (New) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein associated with the
at least one rocker switch is an actuation protection located beneath the outer skin which
functions to prevent an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member to move it into a
pull position.

11. (New) The electric switch module as claimed claim 4, wherein associated with the at least one rocker switch is an actuation protection located beneath the outer skin which functions to prevent an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member to move it into a pull position.

12. (new) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein the outer skin has a connection flange for connecting the outer skin with a skin of an adjacent trim paneling, for example the outer skin of an arm rest of a motor vehicle.

13. (new) The electric switch module as claimed claim 4, wherein the outer skin has a connection flange for connecting the outer skin with a skin of an adjacent trim paneling, for example the outer skin of an arm rest of a motor vehicle.

14. (new) The electric switch module as claimed claim 5, wherein the outer skin has a connection flange for connecting the outer skin with a skin of an adjacent trim paneling, for example the outer skin of an arm rest of a motor vehicle.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,



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